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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants affirm the election of Group I, claims 1-11. New claims 26-31 are in the elected group. Claims 17-25 are canceled, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application. Claims 12-16 are amended to require the claim 4 limitation for the possibility of rejoinder.

Claims 4 and 10 are amended to add substituent definitions.

Claim 5 is rejected as failing to find antecedent basis in claim 4. As described, R₁-R₃ do not contain a phenylthio group and a phenoxy group, however, Formulas (9) - (13) are corresponding to Formulas (2) and (3), therefore a phenylthio group and a phenoxy group can be contained. However, to avoid the issue, claim 5 is amended to be independent.

New claims 26-31 are added, based on claims 6-11, but dependent on claim 4.

Withdrawal of the formal objections is therefore requested.

No art related rejections are applied to claim 5. Claims 6-11 depend from claim 5. Allowance of claims 5 and 6-11 is therefore requested.

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Claims 4,8 and 10 are rejected as anticipated by Nakayashiki, Crivello or JP 2002-241474. As now amended the substituent groups are defined. The art fails to disclose the compounds required by the amended claims. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is therefore requested.

The claims are also rejected as being obvious over JP 2002-188025 (Abstract) in view of JP 2002-241474. JP 2002-188025 is also cited in combination with Nakayashiki with respect to claims 4-11 and in view of Crivello with respect to claims 6-11.

JP '025 is cited as disclosing low viscosity ink-jet ink compositions comprising a cationic photoinitiator and oxytane, epoxy and vinyl ether compounds in weight percents overlapping those set forth in claim 9. JP '474 is cited with respect to a sulfonium salt wherein all benzene rings are directly bonded to carbon in substituents to improve solubility and provide an onium salt wherein no benzene is produced from the initiator. However, as is evident from the comparative testing which is described in the specification starting at page 113, the specific compounds, amounts required by the present claims provide unexpectedly superior results as compared with closely related comparison examples. The art does not show or suggest the particular

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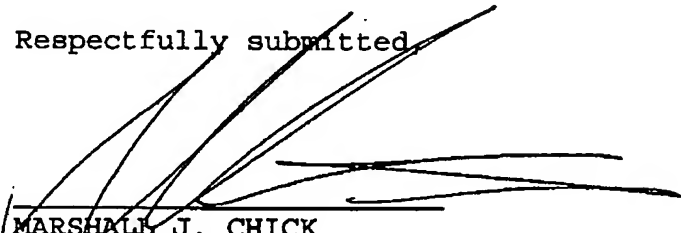
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compounds required by the present invention or their restricted amounts. Therefore, it is submitted that the present invention as now claimed, is not shown or suggested by the cited art.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application are therefore respectfully requested.

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